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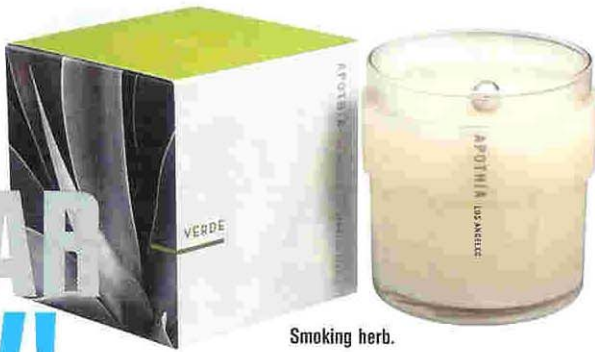
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Smoking herb.



Cameron Diaz

DO SMELL!

You might recognize the subtle-yet-scrumptious fragrance of Apothia candles if you inhaled the dizzying, adrenaline-fueled runways of Smashbox Studios during L.A.'s fashion week. If so, maybe you appreciated the unusual serenity of the party scene and need to know how to procure those appetizing candles, like Apothia's Juiced candle with its poppy effervescence of red currant and geranium. Feeling a tad more *caliente*? The Verde candle wafts of salsa-spicy cilantro, tomato leaf, lime and chili pepper. The candles

are so invigorating, starlets and supermodels can't help but absorb the ambrosial yum. Celebs like Cameron Diaz and Jennifer Aniston swear by the scents, partly because Apothia's exclusive halo diffuses light in a hazy penumbra for a flattering glow. And the candle's bead (it keeps wicks trimmed and smoke-free) ensures the candles keep burning long after last call. And we're always up for drinking to our health! www.apothia.com. —CL



STEELY PANS: TSpoons' Katie Averill, right.

LET'S SPOON IT OUT!

In an O.C. sea of culinary chaps, chef Katie Averill is one of the few females who has carried a restaurant. So it was with much sadness that we bid adieu to Averill when she sold her Monarch Beach French bistro, Mirabeau. But after a stint teaching at the International Art School at the Art Institute in Costa Mesa she's ready for her patrons. TSpoons, a new cooking school in a quaint, Wisteria Lane-like, live-work Ladera Ranch nook, is the newest destination for those antsy for Averill. Novices can primp pastries, or for frisky couples there are plenty of dinner-for-two options from the alumna of Ritz-Carlton, San Francisco and Charlie Palmer. "Guys play up the spaz factor for comedic effect," she says about the sometimes hapless couplings. But by goodbye, it's hugs all around after chatting over vino. And we have some breaking news: Averill is planning a tapas-inspired venture, hopefully in or near her hometown of Laguna Beach. But for now, you know where she's getting her grill on. TSpoons, 6 Gilly Flower, Ladera Ranch, 949.545.6978; www.tspoons.com.



BEE-UTIFUL: Janette Spika, new owner of Queen Bee.

